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AMENDMENT 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

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	to the Office Action dated July 13, 2004.									
2.	Applicant is	a small entity;	other than a small entity.							
3.	Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):									
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\boxtimes	one month	\$110.00	\$55.00							
	two months	\$430.00	\$215.00							
Ħ	three months	\$980.00	\$490.00							
Ħ	four months	\$1,530.00	\$765.00							
Ħ	five months*	\$2,080.00	\$1,040.00							
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	A check in the amount of \$\(\) is enclosed.									
团	Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee (\$110.00).									
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